APPENDIX A: ACEC Reference List by Category

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- White tailed deer enclosure study. Monitor and quantify effects of browsing by white-tailed deer to examine effects of deer impacts on plant composition and cover. August, every 2 years.
- Predator scent station survey. Obtains annual population index on various mammalian predators which is used in conjunction with nesting waterfowl and shorebird management. September-October.
- Waterfowl breeding pair survey. Estimates annual number of breeding pairs of waterfowl in the three fresh water impoundments on the refuge. May.
- Waterfowl brood survey. Estimates annual brood production for the three impoundments. June-July.
- Tern survey. Estimates breeding numbers of local tern colonies for assistance to Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. June.
- Piping plover/least tern survey. Monitors population and production of piping plovers and least terns on and surrounding the refuge. March-August.
- Waterfowl, marsh and wading bird, shorebird and raptor survey. Monitors species composition and numbers to determine seasonal and long term use of refuge habitats. Year round.
- Purple martin nest box monitoring. Provide nesting habitat for purple martins and subsequently monitor success of nest box use. April-May, September.
- Osprey platform program. Establish a nesting population of osprey and monitor the success of the platform program. April-August.
- Purple loosestrife biocontrol program. Release Galerucella beetles and Hylobious weevils and monitor their impact on purple loosestrife growth in fresh water impoundments. June, August.